of the evening gradually deepening into night*, when, unmoleſted by the concerns of buſineſs, and excited by the fineneſs of the evening and the ſtillneſs of univerſal nature, I took a walk through the neighbouring meads, and gave my thoughts full range o'er the fields of penſive contemplation, to collect the mental ſweets of thoughtfulneſs and reflection†.

Amongſt the various ſubjects that engaged my attention, none were

* The language is imitated from HERVEY's Meditations.

† However my ſocial hours are enliven'd with innocent pleaſantry, let every evening in her ſable habit, toll the bell to ſerious conſideration.

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were more intereſting and important than the truths of RELIGION; none more animating and beneficial than the ſoul's Immortality and a *future* State.

Man (ſaid I to myſelf) is a rational and intelligent being, diſtinguiſhed from the brutes by reaſon and underſtanding, and not only capable of but deſigned for, advancing his great Creator's Glory, and working out his own ſalvation, (under the bleſſing and aſſiſtance of divine grace) with fear and trembling; for *it is* GOD *that worketh in him both to will and to do, of his own good pleaſure**.

Man

* Philippians ii. 12. 13.

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